

## SMITH TO MAKE CAMPAIGN LATER

## ROBINSON SHOW FRESH AS SPRING

Mexican Border and Other Public Safety Questions Hold Him in Washington.

Washington, D. C., April 10.—In an open letter to his constituents in the 14th congressional district of Texas, congressman W. B. Smith announces that he will make a vigorous campaign for reelection, but does not yet know, because of his congressional duties, when he will be able to begin a personal campaign. Congressman Smith, in his letter to the voters, says:

"Some weeks ago I announced for reelection to congress. Since then I have received letters from many friends asking if I intended to make a personal campaign of the district, and if so when I would begin. In answer to such inquiries and for the information of the people of the district generally, I wish to say I have no other thought than that I shall make a vigorous campaign, but when I shall be able to begin will depend upon the question as to when I may find it possible to leave my seat in congress without serious neglect of the public business and without violence to my sense of public duty. There has never been a time within my recollection when the public safety was so much in danger as now, and when the public welfare demanded such constant attention by congress as well as by the president and administrative officers. The responsibility for the proper handling of these vitally important affairs is primarily and especially upon the Democratic party which, in this congress, has in reality but a small margin.

"Therefore, in this crisis, the very closest sort of team work under most compact organization is necessary to meet our responsibility to the country and to secure the success of our party in the coming election.

"In addition to these duties common to all Democratic members of congress, I have a special obligation resting upon me just now individually. I refer to conditions on the Mexican border. Dangers are constantly arising there menacing the safety and the lives of our people and they are calling upon me almost daily by wire to perform some service for them looking to their protection. I have frequently asked by the administration authorities to confer with them regarding that situation, as I have been familiar with it upon my previous circumstances. I must remain on the job, I believe my constituents ought, and will, approve my doing so. My personal interest has never been placed above the public welfare by me and never will be.

"We are now moving along rapidly with our legislative program, and there is good reason to hope that the acute situation on the Mexican border will soon pass away, and that conditions here will so adjust themselves as to enable me to return home in ample time for a campaign of the district.

"W. B. Smith."

### DRIVES 3 MEXICANS UP VALLEY, DEMANDS FEE, IS FIRED UPON

Fired at twice with a pistol when he requested pay for the use of his automobile by three Mexicans, whom he had driven to a small ranch near La Union, N. M., James Young drove back to El Paso and reported the affair to the police, who in turn communicated with sheriff Jose Lacerda, of Las Cruces, in an effort to apprehend the three men.

The shooting occurred a short distance across the river above Camutillo, according to Young, the three men alighting at a small house. Young is positive that he can identify the men, whom he says were Mexicans.

**TALKED ABOUT AMERICANS: OFFICER ARRESTS THEM**  
Jose Canales and A. Chavira were arrested by Sgt. William Simpson, at El Paso and eighth streets Sunday afternoon, and were placed in the city jail on a charge of disturbing the peace.

The two men, unaware that the officer spoke Spanish, were expressing their sentiments toward everything American.

Two Ring Circus Gives Fine Performance; A Famous Family of Acrobats.

As fresh as the spring season, the John Robinson circus gave two good performances here Saturday afternoon and night.

The circus is just out of winter quarters and the costumes were new and especially attractive. The actors, both animal and human, seemed filled with the "zip" of the new season and the show went off with a bang and a snap which is often lacking in the big shows late in the season when the performers are road weary, the costumes weather worn and the stock exhausted from a long season of travel.

The Robinson circus is a two-ring show, which has been touring America for many years. The feature acts are given. There is not so much to be seen that it cannot all be seen at the same time and the special features on the platform are as good as any big city vaudeville.

The famous Nelson family of acrobats, who have been touring America with various circus organizations since the days of the old Walter L. Main shows, are the star act of the Robinson show and received the major portion of the applause from the crowds Saturday. This family includes the father, mother, four girls and one little, three-year-old boy who has his part to do in a clown suit. The act is a remarkable one, in which everyone, even the little clown, participates, and when the oldest girl did her 50 flip-flops on an elevated platform, the remainder of the family turned hand springs on the stage and the little boy was standing on his head in a corner, the crowd yelled itself hoarse.

**Trained Monkeys.**  
The trained monkeys, in which monkeys ride bicycles, push baby carriages and do many other almost human things, also attracted much applause. The trained seals, which play band instruments and baseball, were also good as were the troupe of Japanese acrobats, including a diminutive son of Nippon.

The horses were especially well trained and the black tango horse and his partner, a pure white stallion, were as good as the famous Rodeo Royal horses with the Sells-Floto circus. The band played well before the show started and during the performance the elephants acted as good as elephants are expected to act and everything about the show was of a high standard.

**Suffrage League Happy; More Girls Born than Boys**  
Births of girl babies in El Paso exceeded the number of boys in March, according to the monthly report of the city department of health. There were a total of 156 births, of which 81 were girls and 75 were boys. As to nationality, 57 were Americans, 98 were Mexicans and one was a negro.

Deaths for the month numbered 222. Of this number 155 were males and 67 females. Of the total, 67 were Americans, 114 were Mexicans and one was a negro.

The report showed that of contagious cases there were remaining 27 cases of measles, 16 of scarlet fever, 12 of smallpox, two of typhoid fever, seven of diphtheria, three of chicken pox and four of typhus.

The report contained a check card of the standing of restaurants and meat markets.

**MEXICAN IS ASSAULTED**  
Rendered unconscious by a severe beating at the hands of unknown assailants, Antonio Alameda, was taken to the emergency hospital, late Saturday night from lower Santa Fe street, where he was found by patrolman Jack Lapid.

After being revived Alameda stated that he was held up by three men, who struck him several times, after taking his coat, watch and small amount of money. The injured man was removed to his home at Eighth and Santa Fe streets.

## SUBSCRIBERS TO FREE SENT OF

## V. W. C. A. WORK

\$3600 Raised in Short Time of \$4000 Needed to Maintain Association.

During the three days' budget raising campaign of the Young Women's Christian association, last week the sum of \$3600 was raised toward the \$4000 asked from the public in subscriptions for the annual budget. The budget for this year reaches close to \$4000, but all except \$400 is in income from the various sources of the week and the members' dues. The \$4000 is to maintain the traveling aid, the social and reading room, for all of which there is no fee and some to income. The Young Women's Christian association opens today in its new quarters at 216 Texas street. The subscription list follows:

Best National Bank	\$40.00
Rio Grande Valley Bank	25.00
Texas Bank & Trust Co.	25.00
American Trust & Savings Bank	25.00
Commercial National Bank	25.00
Union Bank & Trust Co.	25.00
City National Bank	25.00
James A. Dick Co.	25.00
Hampson Krupp	25.00
Alma & Sons	25.00
Crombie & Son	25.00
Globe	25.00
Levy's	25.00
El Paso Piano Co.	25.00
El Paso Book Co.	25.00
El Paso Dry Goods Co.	25.00
El Paso Furniture Co.	25.00
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